

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

INQUIRY CONCERNING A JUDGE )

NO. 75 )  
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ANSWER TO NOTICE  
OF FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

TO: THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

The Honorable Judge herewith makes answer and responds to the Notice of Formal Proceedings as follows:

The first statement is incorrect in that this Court was closed October 1, 1980 to July 1, 1981.

The second paragraph is denied as there has been no discovery permitted and no reasonable opportunity to present matters as requested by respondent. That when the true facts, records, dockets, reports, etc. are established in each of the charges and incidents thereof; that in Count I no act, statement or conduct in any case or matter before this Judge can in any manner be considered as WILFUL MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE AND CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE THAT BRINGS THE JUDICIAL OFFICE INTO DISREPUTE.

Further, in regard to COUNT ONE:

The respondent generally and specifically denies the above charges and generally and specifically denies that he ABDICATED HIS JUDICIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPECT AND COMPLY WITH THE LAW in any of the incidents set forth in (1) through (13) on pages 2 through 9 or in any matter whatsoever.

In regard to COUNT TWO:

The respondent generally and specifically denies each and every allegation and charge in COUNT TWO and each and every incident in (1) through (3) on pages 9 through 11.

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Respondent alleges that when the true facts, records, dockets, reports, etc. are established, every act, statement and conduct in all cases and incidents will establish and show that at no time did the respondent Judge ABDICATE HIS JUDICIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PATIENT, DIGNIFIED AND COURTEOUS TO ATTORNEYS AND OTHERS WITH WHOM HE DEALT IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

I hereby refer to and make as part of my answer all of the responses, records, dockets, reports and letters heretofore submitted and made to all of the allegations and charges by the Commission, beginning with the first communication of September 23, 1986, and including the taped and transcribed interview of April 4, 1987, to the letter dated August 29, 1987.

WHEREFORE, respondent requests that these charges be found untrue and that these proceedings be terminated and dismissed.

Dated: September 18, 1987.

Respectfully submitted,

  
David Press, Judge

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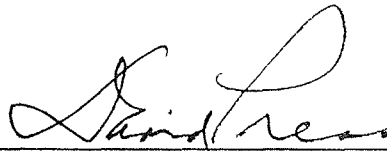
I, the undersigned, say:

I have read the foregoing Answer to Notice of Formal Proceedings and know the contents thereof. I am the Respondent in this proceeding.

The matters stated in the foregoing Answer to Notice of Formal Proceedings are true of my own knowledge except as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

Executed on September 18, 1987 at Crestline, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Press", written over a horizontal line.

Judge of the Crest Forest Justice Court